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Selectmen's Minutes 05/02/2005

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hurd, Chair, Mrs. Dias, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mrs. Mahon, and Ms. LaCourt.
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Krepelka.

FOR APPROVAL

1. **Minutes of Meetings:** March 28, 2005, April 4, 2005, and April 25, 2005
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0))

2. Articles 41, 67, and 70 of the Annual Town Meeting
Article 6 of the April 27, 2005 Special Town Meeting
Article 41

Mr. Maher stated he was looking for direction from the Board for the comment.

After a discussion, the Board agreed that Mr. Maher should write something to the effect of –The Board of Selectmen recognize all the merits of the PAYT program, but at this time they vote no action yet, the Board reserves the right to change their minds.

Mr. Maher said the comment will be ready Wednesday and he would forward it to Ms. Wyly and Mr. Jamieson.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 67

Mr. Fischer read the updated resolution that included the changes requested by the Board.

Mr. Greeley moved favorable action on the wording of article 67.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 70

The Selectmen agreed to table this article, due to the starting of Town Meeting, so that the proponents would have more time to present their proposal.

Article 19

Mr. Maher stated that the attachments he received today gave him some concern due to the noise level above 85 decibels.

This is different from prior information making a muffler device necessary. He suggests clarification is needed from the Noise Abatement group.

Mrs. Mahon moved to table.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon reported that the Finance Committee would be reporting the Town Manager's budget significantly different than that submitted. Both the Schools and the Town submit their budgets after a budget process of Department head planning and Finance Committee review. Mrs. Mahon believes it undermines both the Town Manager's budget and the

School's budget and that the Finance Committee's role is to make recommendations and criticisms of proposed budgets to the Town, but not another budget.

Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting

Chairman Hurd asked the Board to revisit this previously voted article. He indicated first that in his opinion a warrant article is generally not a good vehicle for policy decisions. He also indicated that it is his recollection that, although intended, this matter was never referred to the Public Memorial Committee nor did the Board formally vote the matter.

Selectman Greeley indicated that he as past Chairman, in his desire to keep the naming of Reeds Brook a surprise for former Planning Director Alan McClennen, polled the Board individually and received unanimous support. Town Counsel indicated to the Board that the ultimate decision is the Town Manager who has jurisdiction over naming rights for non-school property.

Selectman Greeley moved to refer this matter to the Public Memorial
Committee. SO VOTED (5-0)

Selectman Greeley moved a revote of no action. SO VOTED (3-2)
Mrs. Mahon and Ms. LaCourt voted in the negative

3. CDBG Budget

Kevin O'Brien, Director, Planning and Community Development

Mr. O'Brien reported that in order to implement the program, the manager and Board of Selectmen should adopt the proposed budget and the Selectmen should vote to transfer \$25,000.00 from the Arlington Business Community Study to the Reed's Brook.

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

4. Comments: Chapter 40B

Laura Wiener, Director, Affordable Housing

The Selectmen agreed to submit comments to the state regarding Minuteman Village on Brattle St./40B project. A letter will be written and sent from the Selectmen.

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka